

REMARKS

The above-noted amendments to the claims as well as the substitution of a revised Abstract, are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

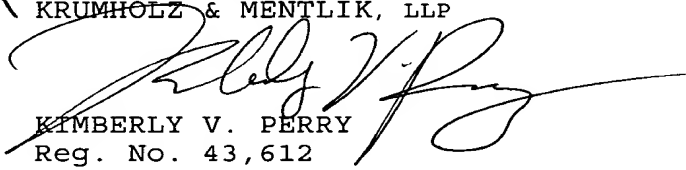
The above-noted amendments to the claims are respectfully submitted in order to claim subject matter which applicants consider an inventive contribution. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, the Examiner believes that such action cannot be taken for any reason, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he may have.

If there is any fee due in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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